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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROPOSED AWARD FOR RETIRING AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GENERAL MANAGER HENK POUTSMA WITH USDOC AND BOTH DEPARTMENTS AGREE THAT OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF POUTSMA'S SERVICE WOULD BE IN ORDER. COMMERCE IS THEREFORE PREPARING CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION WHICH WILL BE SIGNED BY HIGHEST AVAILABLE OFFICER IN USDOC AND FORWARDED TO POST AS SOON AS READY.

2. WE CONSIDER THAT USDOC AWARD WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE MANNER FOR USGOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE POUTSMA'S SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMICABLE US - DUTCH BUSINESS RELATIONS. PROPOSED USDOC AWARD AND PREVIOUS "TRIBUTE OF APPRECIATION" PRESENTED TO POUTSMA IN 1972 SHOULD CONSTITUTE FITTING TRIBUTE TO THIS DEDICATED DUTCH CITIZEN. KISSINGER

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